Setting up of National Commission for Employment Generation

3113. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a National Commission for Employment Generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Task Force and a Special Group were constituted in the Planning Commission to suggest strategy and programmes for creation of 100 million jobs over the 10 years period. As such, it is not considered necessary at present to set up a separate commission for employment generation.

Cases against defaulting employers

3114. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases initiated by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation against the defaulting employers under various provisions of law during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the number of such cases pending as on the 31st March, 2003;

(c) the cases which are more than three years old;

(d) the reasons for delay in disposal thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government to expedite them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) During 2002-2003, 838 cases were initiated under Section 406/409 of Indian Penal Code against employers who defaulted in payment of employees' share of contribution. Besides, 3241 cases were filed against the erring employers under Section 14 of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

(b) As on 31-03-2003, 5101 cases under Section 406/409 of Indian Penal Code and 32,494 cases under Section 14 of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 were pending.